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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6139

BILL NUMBER: SB 45

DATE PREPARED: Oct 27, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Bomb Threats.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill increases the penalty for false reporting from a Class D felony to a Class C felony for a person who falsely reports, by telephone, telegraph, mail, or other written or oral communication, that: (1) the person or another person has placed or intends to place an explosive or other destructive substance in a building or transportation facility; (2) there has been or will be consumer product tampering; or (3) there has been or will be placed or introduced a weapon of mass destruction in a building or place of assembly.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: State expenditures would increase if an offender is incarcerated in a state prison for a longer period of time. A Class D felony is punishable by a prison term ranging between six months to three years or reduction to Class A misdemeanor, depending upon mitigating and aggravating circumstances. A Class C felony is punishable by a prison term ranging from two to eight years. The average expenditure to house an adult offender was \$20,700 in FY 1999. Individual facility expenditures ranged from \$14,936 to \$37,807 per prisoner. (This does not include the cost of new construction.) If offenders can be housed in existing facilities with no additional staff, the average cost for medical care, food, and clothing is approximately \$1,825 annually, or \$5 daily, per prisoner. The average length of stay in DOC facilities for all Class C felony offenders is approximately two years.

Explanation of State Revenues: No change would likely occur in state revenue as a result of this bill since criminal fines and court fees are the same for either Class D or C felonies.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: No additional revenues would be expected since the court fees for Class D and Class C felonies are both \$120.

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources: Indiana Sheriffs Association, Department of Correction.